Sri H. N. NANJE GOWDA.—There is no rule which permits matters being raised without the consent of the Speaker. I know it.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have not allowed it.

Calling Attention to a matter of urgent Public Importance *re*: Outbreak of jaundice in Ragimuddanahalli Village

Sri N. A. CHANNE GOWDA (Pandavapura).—I call the Attention of the Minister for Health regardiug outbreak of jaundice in Ragimuddanahalli village, Pandavapura Taluk.

Sri Y. RAMAKRISHNA (Minister for Health).—On receipt of information regarding the prevalance of some cases of acute jaundice in the Mandya District, the Assistant District Health Officer, Mandya, proceeded to Ragimuddanahalli village on 9-9-1970 with the District Laboratory staff and the local Medical Officer. The population of the village is 1,600 and there are 185 houses. On investigation from house to house survey 25 cases of jaundice were detected by clinical examination. Next day, they detected 32 cases. Subsequent survey revealed a total of 75 cases. 22 blood samples were collected and sent to Dr. Prabhu, M D., Professor of Microbiology, Bangalore Medical College for analysis.

Laboratory examination showed presence of bilepigment in the urine in most of the cases and the absence of bilesalts in all. The cause for jaundice appears to be drinking of contaminated water. Even during the months of April-May 1970, as a precautionary measure, inoculation was done to prevent cholera infection.

From the history of the type of cases and the sudden high incidence of the disease in the community, it is suggsetive of infective hepatitis.

All precautionary measures have been taken to superchlorinate the sources of drinking water and educating the public regarding the care of diet and drinking boiled water.

Arrangements have been made for symptomatic treatment of cases, such as administration of calcium, vitamin 'C' etc.

Government have declared Infective Hepatitis (Jaundice) to be an infectious disaese in the districts of the erstwhile Mysore State, including Mandya District (*vide* No ification No. HMA 256 PMS 69 dated 1/7-8-1970). Super chlorination of the sources of drinking water, boiling the water before drinking and care of diet will prevent the spread of the disease. There is no immunisation in the form of inoculation against the disease.

However, immediate action was taken by the Health Department not only in saving the lives of the persons but also in controlling the spread of the disease. No report of deaths due to this disease has

come to the notice of Government and instructions have been issued to all the hospitals in the district to take immediate action to provide beds on top priority basis, if patients suffering from jaundice come for admission.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ಎ. ಚನ್ನೇಗೌಡ.—ನಾನು 1-9-1970ರಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಡಿಸ್ಟ್ರಿಕ್ಟ್ ಹೆಲ್ತ್ ಆಫೀಸರಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಅವರು ಆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಏನು ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಹಾಗೆ ಕಾಣಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಕೆಲವೇ ದಿವಸಗಳಲ್ಲಿ 75 ಜನರು ಈ ಕಾಯಿಲೆಗೆ ಬಲಿಯಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅಷ್ಟು ಜಾಸ್ತಿಯಾಗುವವರೆಗೂ ಹೆಲ್ತ್ ಆಫೀಸರುಗಳು ಮೈ ಮರೆತು ತಮ್ಮ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯವನ್ನು ಮಾಡದೆ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯಭ್ರಷ್ಟರಾಗಿ ಕುಳಿತು ಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅಂಥವರ ಮೇಲೆ ಏನು ಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೀರಿ? ಆ ಕಾಯಿಲೆಗೆ ಭಾರತೀಯ ವೈದ್ಯ ಚಿಕಿತ್ಸೆ ಸೂಕ್ತವಾದ ಕ್ರಮ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿದುಬಂದಿದೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ತಕ್ಕ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಮೈ. ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ.—ಆಯುರ್ವೇದಿಕ್ ಮತ್ತು ಆರೋಪತಿಕ್ ಪದ್ಧತಿ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಏನೇನು ಟ್ರೀಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೊಡಬಹುದೋ ಆ ರೀತಿಯಿಂದ ಸೂಕ್ತವಾದಂಥ ಟ್ರೀಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೊಡ ಬೇಕೆಂದು ಸಲಹೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಈ ಜಾಂಡೀಸ್ ಕಾಯಿಲೆ ಬಂದರೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿಯವರೆಗೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರೀ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಟ್ರೀಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೊಡಲಾಗುತ್ತಿತ್ತು. ಇನ್ನು ಮುಂದೆ ಆಯುರ್ವೇದಿಕ್ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಗಳು ಇರುವ ಕಡೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಕೂಡ ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಔಷಧೋಪಚಾರ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಸಲಹೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ನಿಧಾನವಾಗಿ ಬಂದು ಟ್ರೀಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟರು ಎಂದು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಹೇಳಿದರು. ಈ ವಿಚಾರವನ್ನು ನಾನು ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಮಾಡಿ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟವರ ಮೇಲೆ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

3-00 P.M.

Fourth Report of the Estimates Committee

Presentatian

Sri M. SRINIVASA NAIK (Mangalore-I).—Sir, I beg to present the Fourth Report of the Estimates Committee on Prisons aud Motor Vehicles Department.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Report is presented.

Petition by the Parents of Graduate Teachers in Middle Schools

Presentation

Sri N. LOKAYYA NAIK.—I beg to present a petition signed by the parents of the Graduate Teachers working in the Middle Schools.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The petition is presented. It will be referred to the Committee on Petitions.